

FUTURE FISHERIES PROJECT RANKING SUMMER 2020 FUNDING CYCLE

Project ranking committee:

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Montana ARM Rule 12.7.1203

(1) Eligible projects that have been approved by the review panel will be reviewed, evaluated and ranked by a committee that includes at least two department personnel with a background in fishery biology and an understanding of the habitat requirements of fish and one member of the review panel.

The Committee's ranking of the Future Fisheries Projects approved for funding by the Citizen Review Panel during the Summer 2020 funding cycle are as follows. All projects, except for Project 016-2020, fall under the Native Species Enhancement Program (RIT dollars).

FINAL SCORES					
Project #	Project Name	Program cost (\$)	REVIEW Adjusted score (of 100)	Total Points (of 300)	REVIEW Rank
013-2020	Big Hole Divide fish barriers	\$10,420.00	88	263	1
019-2020	Lower French Creek riparian restoration	\$10,000.00	87	260	2
021-2020	Poorman Creek restoration phase 2	\$58,000.00	84	252	3
018-2020	Long Creek aquatic habitat enhancement	\$27,750.00	81	242	4
017-2020	Little Gold Creek fish passage	\$29,475.00	75	225	5
014-2020	Flint Creek riparian restoration	\$29,100.00	65	196	6
020-2020	Madison River Storey Ditch riparian restoration	\$15,548.62	57	171	7
016-2020	Lake Elmo fish habitat enhancement	\$40,000.00	50	151	8
015-2020	Hall Creek fish barrier removal	\$8,500.00	40	120	9

Rankings are based on: 1) benefits to native fish; 2) public benefits; 3) importance of the water body; 4) long-term effectiveness; 5) benefits relative to cost; and 6) cost share.

The ranking committee and Citizen Review Panel recommends that all prioritized projects receive final funding approval, at the level of Citizen Panel recommendations (Program Cost).